



Parish of Ramsgate & Minster

Weekly Newsletter - Sundays 12th & 19th April 2026

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Dear parishioners,

Jesus said to St Thomas *"Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."*

Blessed, therefore, is everyone who believes the message of the holy apostles who were eyewitnesses of Christ's actions and ministers of the word. And sad are we today, that so much faithlessness has arisen in the world and Christ is no longer King of nations. Lately, his Holy Name has even been used to justify lawless and immoral death and destruction inflicted upon Iran and Lebanon by the US and Israel which has been condemned by the Pope. Over the last decades, some in the Church have embraced the beliefs of the world and openly proclaim their doubts in the saving power of Jesus Christ. *Look at my hands*, he said, *look at my feet*, the Lord said. The Body of Christ on earth, the Church, bears visible witness to his wounds today through the public denial of belief in Christ's teaching on marriage, on human life and the lack of reverence to the Body of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament in some places. The result is the continuing diminishment of vocations to priesthood and the closure of parishes and religious houses. Christ's Body the church is wounded- we can see the wounds-but if we reach out to **The Divine Mercy** through a return to belief and reverence to the Blessed Sacrament, *the body of Christ*, Mother Mary's son, we will bring his healing into the church, into our lives and the world and we will see vocations grow again.

If we desire eternal life we *must* heed again Our Lady and the apostles who have borne witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We little human creatures cannot see God with our mortal eyes, but for those who have faith, God's works can be seen all around us, just as too easily we see the devastation of human sin in the world.

The signs of God are too many to list in one small newsletter, but the starting point for all Christian life is the Sacrifice of the Mass. Jesus took bread and said this is my body, he took the chalice and said this is my blood. An ancient writer wrote to the newly baptised at Jerusalem, *'Do not then regard the bread and wine as nothing but bread and wine, for they are the body and blood of Christ as the master himself has proclaimed. Though your senses suggest otherwise, let faith reassure you. What seems to be bread is not bread, though it seems to be such to the sense of taste, but the body of Christ, what seems to be wine, is not wine, though the taste would have it so, but the blood of Christ'*

We can make our belief in the Real Presence visible by our reverence at Holy Communion, so that any stranger who walked into our church might recognise from our actions that we believe God is here and Jesus Christ our Lord is present at our altar. It is not mere bread we receive. Nothing has evangelised lost souls seeking God more than our visible reverence to the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross given to Him at Holy Mass. No amount of preaching and argument will convert souls to Jesus Christ more than He will do Himself for souls through the visible Sacrifice of the Mass.

And when we leave God's holy house and go into the world, Jesus has called us to make visible God's love for us through our good works. The joy and friendship we have for one another bears witness to the divine presence in each of us who have received Holy Communion at the Mass. In this way, **The Divine Mercy** in Heaven works through our human spiritual and corporal works of mercy on earth.

Such a faith guides us through the sufferings of life we will all experience, for it springs from a devoted heart rather than from what our hands may touch and eyes see, hearts guided by our faith and love of God. For in this life, as St Paul also says, we may only see God as if through a glass darkly, we may not see our rewards now, but by the merits of our faith and good works on earth, we may look forward to the glorious vision of God in Heaven. To Jesus, our Risen Lord, be honour, power and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

God bless,
Fr Jonathon

Would you like to join a **Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage**? Details of all pilgrimages are at www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope. You are very welcome to join for a single day, several days, or for a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group.

Shrine of St. Augustine & National Pugin Centre Volunteers Wanted. Do you have an interest in history or gothic architecture? If you do and can spare a few hours each month then please consider volunteering at our visitors centre. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Seniors Social. The next social for seniors will be on Saturday 25th April from 2pm till 4pm. Come along for some bingo, tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle. Please see the poster at the back of the church for more details.

The next **Social Committee Meeting** will be on Wednesday 22nd April at 10am in the parish hall. New members and all parishioners are welcome to come along.

Easter Lilies

George Campbell
Phyllis McQuaid
Marjorie Andrews
Stanley Andrews
Dora Hodgson
Marjorie Hodgson
Norman Cotton
Phyllis Rapley
William Rapley
Frances Family
Power Family
Hardwich Family
Rydz Family
Watts Family
Smalley Family
Cook Family
Kathleen Freeman
Miriam Mehlin
Mary Henderson
Rosaleen Lennon

There will be a second collection for the **Maintenance of St. George's Cathedral** on the weekend of the 18th & 19th April. St. George's Cathedral in Southwark is the mother church of our Diocese. This collection helps to maintain the Cathedral.

There will also be a second collection for the **Priest Training Fund** on the weekend of the 25th & 26th April. This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy of our Diocese.

Holy Week & Easter is a huge production involving hours of planning, practice, preparation and many material & human resources. **Thank you** to all who contributed to it especially our staff who gave way more than their duty, our singers, organists, servers, sacristans, flower arranger, money counters, volunteers, cleaners, lift-givers, readers, gardener, repository manager and all of you for your financial contributions. To offer God beautiful worship costs lots of money, so I thank you for your contribution & also the LMS for supporting our musicians at St Augustine's. If we enjoyed the Holy Week services here, that's good but not essential because what matters is that the Church's Sacred Liturgy was done as well as it could be by us, passing on The Joy of our Sacred Tradition another year: for to God alone be the Glory, now and forever.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament:

St Ethelbert's: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.30am.

St Augustine's: Tuesday from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

Rosary: ***St Ethelbert's:*** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9.00am.

Mothers' Prayers: St. Ethelbert's Parish Room, 1st Friday of the month at 12.00noon followed by **1st Friday Rosary** at 12.30pm.

Please see the Mass Schedule at the back for any changes this week.

Confessions: ***St Ethelbert's:*** Saturday before 5.30pm. Mass.

St Augustine's: Sunday 12 noon (during Mass) or by arrangement.

St. Augustine's Visitor Centre and Shrine is open to visitors 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

		<i>ST ETHELBERT'S</i>		<i>ST. AUGUSTINE'S</i>	
Saturday 11 th April	<i>Saturday in the Octave of Easter (1962 Sabbato in Albis)</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon	Irene Singh PI
	LOW SUNDAY, SECOND OF EASTER (A) ('Divine Mercy')	5.30pm	Alex Dias RIP		
Sunday 12 th April		10.00am	Rena Gathercole TG on her birthday	8.30am	Joseph Bonnefin RIP
		12 noon	Healing of Edyta & Radek's Marriage	12 noon	People of the Parish
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy Devotions	(<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>)	
Monday 13 th April	<i>St. Martin, pope & martyr</i>	9.30am	Freddie Triggs RIP	12 noon	Ellen & Jack McCaughan TG on their 50 th Ann.
Tuesday 14 th April	<i>Feria of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Holy Souls	NO MASS TODAY (due to Deanery meeting)	
Wednesday 15 th April	<i>Feria of Eastertide</i>	9.30am (1962 Latin Low Mass)	Juliette Kenny RIP	12 noon	Steve Carnell PI & WB
Thursday 16 th April	<i>Feria of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	The Monks of Chilworth PI	No Mass Today	
Friday 17 th April	<i>Feria of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	The Sisters of Minster PI	12 noon	Brian Skinner RIP
		6.00pm	Fr. Ryszard PI	(<i>Ordinariate</i>)	
Saturday 18 th April	<i>Feria of Eastertide</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon	Rita Lemesheva WB
	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)	5.30pm	Uta Nedd RIP		
Sunday 19 th April	(<i>Second Sunday after Easter 1962</i>)	10.00 am	Kenny Family PI	8.30am	People of the Parish
		12 noon	Healing of Edyta & Radek's Marriage	12 noon	Hugh King RIP
				(<i>Sung Latin 1962</i>)	
Monday 20 th April	<i>Feria of Eastertide</i>	9.30am	Fr. Daniel PI	12 noon	Diane Holland & Loved Ones PI
Tuesday 21 st April	<i>St. Anselm, bishop & doctor</i>	No Mass Today		12 noon	Steve Carnell PI & WB
Wednesday 22 nd April	<i>Feria of Eastertide (Ss. Soter & Caius 1962)</i>	9.30am (1962 Latin Low Mass)	Requiem Mass for Danny O'Brien RIP (MM)	12 noon	Susan Breakell & Loved Ones PI
Thursday 23 rd April	St. George, Martyr & Patron of England	9.30am	Patricia Smalley TG	No Mass Today	
Friday 24 th April	<i>St. Adalbert, bishop & martyr, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen priest & martyr & Ss. Justus & Mellitus</i>	9.30am	Bridie PI	12 noon	Gerry Walklen RIP
		6.00pm	Fr. Ryszard PI	(<i>Ordinariate</i>)	
Saturday 25 th April	<i>St. Mark, evangelist</i>	Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs at 9.30am		12 noon	Chris Scutt & Loved Ones PI
	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (<i>World day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood & religious life</i>)	5.30pm	Amie Woods WB		